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MEMORANDUM FOR: Chief, Image Technology Division, DEG/OD&E

SUBJECT : Request for Support - Procurement, Testing, and
Evaluation of McBain Large Stage Stereoviewer

1. This memorandum is a follow-up to our recent discussions concerning OIA's need for a large-stage stereoviewer to replace our small-stage Twin-Dynazoom stereoviewers. We have been using the Dynazooms since 1965 and our need to replace them is becoming an urgent matter. As you know, with ITD's assistance we have been looking at a number of alternative instruments which might satisfy this need.

2. One instrument which appears to incorporate the features we desire in a Dynazoom replacement is the McBain Large Stage Stereoviewer (Model LSS-RB1), offered by McBain Instruments, Inc. of Chatsworth, California (see attached brochure). In order to determine whether this instrument deserves further consideration as an alternative, OIA proposes to buy one of the McBain stereoviewers with all available options for testing and operational evaluation. This proposal has been the subject of inter-agency discussions between OIA and ITD/CIA, DIA/DB-5, USAIIC, and the NPIC. These organizations support the OIA-McBain approach and have recommended that OIA pursue this proposal.

3. I believe that OIA would benefit from your technical oversight and coordination on this project because our objective is to evaluate potential Dynazoom replacements, and the results could influence future R&D or procurement decisions. From our earlier discussions I believe that you agree on the desirability of ITD support for this project. And I have put the necessary paperwork (Form 1716) in process to authorize ITD's expenditure of OIA funds to purchase one of the McBain stereoviewers (with options A, B, C, and D as described in McBain's brochure) for evaluation.

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4. Although this project necessarily involves a sole-source procurement, it is in keeping with the Agency's goal of increased competitive procurement because we are attempting to determine whether this specific instrument qualifies for further consideration as an alternative in a larger competitive procurement process.



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